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The CIA's UFO Watch

Now it can be told. The Central Intelligence Agency, like everybody else, has been scanning the skies for unidentified flying objects since 1949. That fact emerges from documents obtained under a freedom of information suit by Ground Saucer Watch, an Arizona-based organization of scientists and engineers seeking to "prove or disprove" the existence of UFOs.

The CIA has said often that it closed its books on UFOs during 1952. The documents clearly demonstrate otherwise.

The 1,000-page batch of papers implies that the CIA accepts the real existence of UFOs. A 1952 document says the sightings could mask Russian air attacks or psychological warfare, and recommends a public information policy "that will minimize concern and possible panic." A 1975 document warns against acknowledging any pattern or link in the sightings. "Response should be direct, forthright and emphasize that the action taken was in response to an isolated or specific incident."

In his classic study in the mid-1950s of "flying saucers," the Swiss psychologist Carl Gustav Jung made the point that whether or not UFOs exist, the fact that large numbers of people think they see them says much about the mythologizing tendency of modern man. The old myths fade and are forgotten, Jung says, but man forever invents new ones. In our time "little green men" stepping out of flying discs, occasionally to

kidnap an earthling and interrogate him, give us something to believe in. And where belief exists, evidence will accumulate.

We are pleased that the CIA has its eyes peeled, displeased that it has assumed, in typical CIA fashion, that the information about sightings it has gathered is not for public consumption. The CIA has no call to be supercilious about such evidence as it collects.

On the basis of the documents it has obtained, Ground Saucer Watch is now convinced that UFOs are real. We reserve judgment, but we urge the CIA to be less spooky on the subject in the future.

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Don Maunder, a flight instructor at Meacham Field, FTW-TX, was flying about 3,000 feet with an instrument pilot under the hood, recently, when he saw a large silver colored object, almost on a collision course, fly by, underneath the plane.

Very clearly on the top of the object were the initials U.S.A. He had never seen anything like it before, except in newspapers and magazines. It was flying very fast, very low and clearly was a UFO.

Once about dark thirty, at Meacham, three young men waiting for a plane to come in, and this reporter, were watching over Carswell AFB, when three lightly colored orange objects, in a pyramid were spotted. We watched for about five minutes, when this reporter suddenly remembered she had a camera in the office.

She got the camera, took a picture of the objects, which came out fairly well. Then we all waited for a few minutes watching with fascination. Then the top one took off at rapid speed headed Northwest. The two lower ones took off for the Southwest, at extremely fast speeds.

We called the tower at Carswell — no record. We called the Flight Service Station, no record of any objects.

Later that night there was a mid-air near New Orleans and a very fast jet went in — no explanation, not even yet.

A knocker is like a cat fish — all mouth and no brains.

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UFO landings reported in central Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (UPI) — Military authorities were investigating a reported landing of multi-colored unidentified flying objects in a central Philippine village, the official Philippine News Agency said.

The agency said Col. Paterno Lomongo, constabulary provincial commander, was told by local police that on April 19 they saw a "mother ship which later spewed out smaller UFOs" over the town of Talisay in Negros Occidental province nearly 300 miles south of Manila.

The "mother ship" reportedly led the smaller UFOs into a "V" formation, flying toward a mountain and eventually landing in a valley.

The objects were also seen by motorists and residents of the provincial capital of Bacolod and nearby towns, PNA said.

It was the first reported landing of UFOs in the Philippines, although many have been reported flying in the past few weeks over scattered towns in the central Philippines.

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